

Seed organization will be maintained. I wish to commend the energetic and innovative work of the Rapid City Weed and Seed organization and the individuals involved in their great work over the past several years.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. ESTELLE R. RAMEY

● Mrs. CLINTON. Mr. President, on September 8, our Nation lost a great American and my husband and I lost a wonderful friend of over 20 years. Dr. Estelle R. Ramey was a respected endocrinologist, physiologist, and feminist. She was a woman of great wit and wisdom who fought gender discrimination in the scientific professions and in the conduct of medical research. Dr. Ramey died of Alzheimer's disease at the age of 89.

Estelle Rubin Ramey was born in Detroit and raised in New York City. Her mother, a wise but impoverished and illiterate immigrant, insisted that her daughter be educated. At the age of 15 in the midst of the Great Depression, Dr. Ramey was able to attend Brooklyn College for the price of a library card. Ignoring the gender restrictions of his time, one of her professors made it possible for Estelle to have the opportunity to teach chemistry at the new Queens College while working for her master's in chemistry at Columbia. While at Columbia she met her husband, James Ramey, who was a student at the law school. Their love affair lasted for over 65 years. Estelle, with her trademark wit and self-deprecation, would attribute their successful marriage to never once having had a meaningful conversation.

Dr. Ramey earned her doctorate in physiology and biophysics at the University of Chicago and upon returning to Washington, she became a faculty member at Georgetown Medical School where she taught for over 35 years. Her decades of research in endocrinology brought her accolades and recognition in the world of medicine, while her ability to express the cause for gender equity with honesty and a rapier wit made her a popular speaker, and eminently quotable. However, as it was stated so well in her September 10 obituary in the Washington Post, "Her wit was rooted in statistics, scientific research and personal experience with discrimination." In 1971, she was a founder and second president of the Association for Women in Science, an organization dedicated to achieving equity and full participation for women in science, mathematics, engineering and technology.

Estelle was known to all of us who loved her as Stelle, and at Georgetown Medical School as "La Belle Estelle." These endearing nicknames are a testament to her boundless humanity. She and her husband Jim felt very strongly about how little, if anything, it took to extend a helping hand to someone else. She wrote in a book entitled "Letters to our Grandchildren": "If I could

leave you with any advice, it would be to speak words of caring not only to those closest to you, to all the hungry ears you encounter on your journey through a cold world. Stop on the mountain climb to bring along all those less lucky, less agile or well endowed. It will make the view even more beautiful when you get to the top. For my own epitaph, I ask that it be: 'I loved and was loved and all the rest was background music.'"

Dr. Ramey leaves her husband Jim and two children: attorney Drucilla Stender Ramey of New York and James Ramey of Bethesda, MD, a physician. Estelle Ramey will be missed greatly by those of us who had the benefit of her warmth and friendship, and she will be remembered for her dedication to her family, to science and her profession, and to all women.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations including withdrawals which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

ENROLLED BILLS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, September 18, 2006, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bills:

S. 2590. An act to require full disclosure of all entities and organizations receiving Federal funds.

S. 2784. An act to award a congressional gold medal to Tenzin Gyatso, the Fourteenth Dalai Lama, in recognition of his many enduring and outstanding contributions to peace, non-violence, human rights, and religious understanding.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-8308. A communication from the Chief of the Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of the Air Force, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Department's initiation of a standard competition of the 57th Maintenance Group; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-8309. A communication from the Chief of the Bureau of Public Debt, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Government Securities Act Regulations: Applicability to

Over-the-Counter Derivatives Dealers" (RIN1505-AB70) received on September 11, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-8310. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Pennsylvania Regulatory Program" (PA-146-FOR) received on September 15, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8311. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kentucky Regulatory Program" (KY-250-FOR) received on September 15, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8312. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Colorado Regulatory Program" (CO-031-FOR) received on September 13, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-8313. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Civil Works), Department of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the CALFED Levee Stability Program; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8314. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Alabama: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision" (FRL 8219-5) received on September 14, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8315. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; West Virginia; Redesignation of the Huntington, West Virginia Portion of the Huntington-Ashland 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment and Approval of the Area's Maintenance Plan" (FRL 8219-9) received on September 14, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8316. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of State Plans for Designated Facilities and Pollutants: Vermont; Negative Declaration" (FRL 8219-2) received on September 14, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-8317. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Difenoconazole; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL 8085-1) received on September 14, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8318. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Endosulfan, Fenarimol, Imazalil, Oryzalin, Sodium Acifluorfen, Trifluralin, and Ziram; Tolerance Actions" (FRL 8077-9) received on September 14, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-8319. A communication from the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant